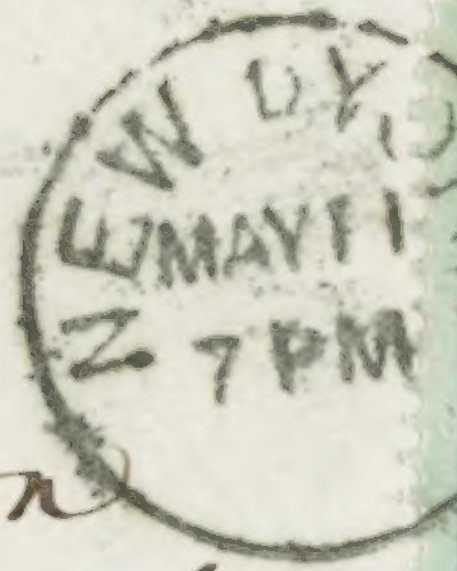


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New York, May 11, 1878.

My Dear Frank:

This is the anniversary of dear Lucy's death, and to Wendell, Mrs. McKim, and us all, it brings up vain regrets and sorrowful reflections — not unmingled with thankfulness at her translation, in view of what the remainder of her earthly existence would have been, had she survived. I am just on the eve of leaving for Orange, to remain there over Sunday. Harold has already gone in advance of me, to return on Monday.

Thursday it rained violently, so as to prevent my contemplated excursion to Coney Island with Mr. and Mrs. Parsons. We shall probably make another attempt next Tuesday.

Yesterday, Fanny, Helen, Mr. Richards, and I went down to Staten

Island, took a carriage, and drove about for nearly three hours, obtaining the most splendid views in every direction, and enjoying ourselves to the full - the weather being glorious. I spent the night with the Shaws, whose is most charmingly located, and the prospect from which is lovely indeed. I was happy to meet Mrs. Sarah Shaw Russell there. I need not say that I had the warmest of welcomes. In the evening George W. Curtis and his wife, and Mr. Robert Minturn, were with us; and the conversation on a variety of topics was very lively and pleasant.

This forenoon Mr. and Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Russell accompanied me to the city. Mrs. R. returns to Boston next Wednesday.

Fanny and I attended an amateur performance on Thursday night, at the Lyceum Theatre, at which Mr.

lie Hopper took the part of Dr. Mor-
daunt, and acted it with great
cleverness. He has positive dramatic
talent, and hopes to be engaged at
the Boston Theatre next winter.

Oswald is getting along finely.
I still think I may go to Phila-
delphia next week; and, if so, shall
not probably get home till next Sat-
urday.

With affectionate remembrances,
to William, Ellie, and the children, and
kind regards to Georgiana, I remain,
Your loving Father.

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